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1. Members of the Abu Hamad Khalil family of Palestinian Arabs are said to have stated that the majority of firearms and ammunition distributed to these Arabs reached them via Aqaba. The supplies are reported to be regular and in large quantities.
2. It was stated that the Palestinian Arabs are impatiently awaiting instructions from the Arab League to start a mass attack on all Jewish settlements. The smuggling of firearms is being accelerated with this aim in view, and it is said that the Palestinian Arabs will be supported by other Arabs of the neighboring countries.
3. It was also reported that Syrian and Lebanese Arabs are regularly visiting the 'Buqs and, under the pretense of being merchants, are spreading anti-Jewish propaganda and also are alleging that the Americans are furnishing firearms and funds to the Jews. This is said to be the explanation for the fact that the Palestinian Arabs are unfriendly and sometimes aggressive toward Standard Oil Company personnel engaged in drilling wells in the vicinity of Rafa.

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